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May the radiant flower of
Tibetan Tradition
be preserved for the
benefit of all beings.

SAKYA MONASTERY OF TIBETAN BUDDHISM

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Sakya Monastery of Tibetan Buddhism, I endorse the **84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha**. This project is important for the access to and preservation of the Buddha's teachings. **84000: Translating the Words of the Buddha** is a global nonprofit initiative to translate the words of the Buddha and make them available to everyone. This initiative was started by 7 Rinpoches and more than 50 of the world's foremost translators who met for a week in Bir, India, to discuss the state of current Dharma translation and its needs. The long-term vision, based on the consensus reached at this seminal gathering, is to translate and make available the entire Tibetan Buddhist canon (namely the Kangyur and Tengyur) within a hundred years, with the shorter term goal of completing the Kangyur within 25 years.

From January 2010 till the present day, **84000** has commissioned the translation of close to 4,000 pages of translation, and will start working on another 4,000 pages this year. This would represent 10% of the Kangyur. To ensure the highest quality of translations and full credibility, they have established a collaborative review system, made up of both Tibetan masters and Western scholars. They will launch a free online reading room by the end of this year, with the publication of the first batch of translations. Everybody will then be able to access the actual words of the Buddha without charge with the click of a button. In this way, modern technology will be used to make the Buddha's wisdom available to wide audience.

As the head lama in the only Tibetan Buddhist Monastery in North America, I understand how crucial it is to provide Westerners with quality translations of the Buddha's teachings. I will pray to the Three Jewels for the success of this project.

May the Triple Gem Bless You and Guide You,


H.H. Jigdal Dagchen Sakya